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STATE-WAR-NAVY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

SPECIAL AD HOC COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM OF REQUEST TO THE REARMAMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF SWNCC

Reference: a. SWN-5297 (SWNCC AD HOC COMMITTEE  
MEMORANDUM dated 4 April 1947)

1. The Rearmament Subcommittee of SWNCC is requested to prepare programs for military assistance to the following countries, not necessarily in order of priority, for which the need is clearly indicated during the period under review.

United Kingdom  
France  
Italy  
Austria (subject to completion of a peace  
treaty and to the provisions thereof)  
Greece  
Turkey  
Iran  
Korea  
Philippines  
China  
American Republics

2. The Subcommittee is also requested to prepare programs for military assistance to the following countries, not necessarily in order of priority, the need for which is not clearly indicated at this time, but which may be required by future developments.

India  
Burma  
Afghanistan  
Iraq  
Palestine  
Egypt  
Netherlands East Indies

Siam

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3. The emphasis, in formulating such military programs, should be upon the maintenance of internal order and local defense of frontiers, and preparedness for appropriate measures of military collaboration in the event of general emergency, (including, in the case of the United Kingdom and France, the capacity to meet such external commitments as would be substantially relevant to effective military collaboration).

4. In the preparation of programs hereunder, the minimum needs essential to US interests should be the basic consideration. The present availabilities of US military supplies and equipment should be indicated but should not be a limiting factor in preparing such programs.

5. The report should include determination, in so far as practicable, of

- a. Magnitude and timing (starting date and duration) of programs.
- b. Probable range of requirements for maintenance and replacements.
- c. Recommended methods of financing the individual programs.
- d. Legislative problems involved.

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